

EDUCATIONAL EXAMINERS BOARD[282]

Notice of Intended Action

Twenty-five interested persons, a governmental subdivision, an agency or association of 25 or more persons may demand an oral presentation hereon as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.4(1)"b."

Notice is also given to the public that the Administrative Rules Review Committee may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this proposed action under section 17A.8(6) at a regular or special meeting where the public or interested persons may be heard.

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 272.2, the Board of Educational Examiners hereby gives Notice of Intended Action to amend Chapter 24, "Paraeducator Certificates," Iowa Administrative Code.

The proposed amendment adds an area of concentration for paraeducators who assist speech-language pathologists (SLP). The SLP area of concentration in Iowa's paraeducator certification system is not a required area of concentration for speech-language pathology paraeducators; it will be an optional certificate.

A waiver provision is not included. The Board has adopted a uniform waiver rule.

Any interested party or persons may present their views either orally or in writing at the public hearing that will be held Wednesday, September 30, 2009, at 1 p.m. in Room 3 Southwest, Third Floor, Grimes State Office Building, East 14th Street and Grand Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa.

At the hearing, persons will be asked to give their names and addresses for the record and to confine their remarks to the subject of the proposed amendment. Persons who wish to make oral presentations at the public hearing may contact the Executive Director, Board of Educational Examiners, Grimes State Office Building, East 14th Street and Grand Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0147, or at (515)281-5849, prior to the date of the public hearing.

Any person who intends to attend the public hearing and requires special accommodations for specific needs, such as a sign language interpreter, should contact the office of the Executive Director at (515)281-5849.

Any interested person may make written comments or suggestions on the proposed amendment before 4 p.m. on Friday, October 2, 2009. Written comments and suggestions should be addressed to Kim Cunningham, Board Secretary, Board of Educational Examiners, at the above address, or sent by E-mail to kim.cunningham@iowa.gov, or by fax to (515)281-7669.

This amendment is intended to implement Iowa Code chapter 272.

The following amendment is proposed.

Adopt the following **new** subrule 24.4(6):

24.4(6) *Speech-language pathology (SLP)—prekindergarten through grade 12.* The speech-language pathology paraeducator shall successfully complete the following list of competencies so that under the direction and supervision of a qualified speech-language pathologist the paraeducator will be able to:

- a. Understand the roles and responsibilities of the speech-language pathology paraeducator.
- b. Demonstrate a basic understanding of the four areas of communication, including articulation, language, fluency, and voice, and how they occur through typical development.
- c. Demonstrate an understanding of articulation/phonological disabilities.
- d. Demonstrate an understanding of language disabilities.
- e. Use appropriate instructional procedures and reinforcement techniques when working with children with articulation/phonological disabilities.
- f. Use appropriate instructional procedures and reinforcement techniques when working with children with language disabilities.
- g. Gather information as directed by the speech-language pathologist regarding the performance of children, including recording and charting responses.